

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

MIWA et al.

Examiner: S. J. SHARAREH

Serial No.: 09/787,394

Group Art Unit: 1617

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Title: NEAR INFRARED FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENT AND  
FLUORESCENCE IMAGING

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.